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SUBJECT: UNESCO: INTERIM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT: ARTICLE 8 ON MASS
MEDIA

1. AS EXPECTED SERIOUS DIFFICULTY HAS ARISEN ON THIS
ITEM. U.S. HAS FOUND ITSELF TOTALLY ISOLATED. ENTIRE
EUROPEAN CAUCUS (INCLUDING JAPAN) INDICATED IT COULD
LIVE WITH ORIGINAL TEXT, AND WOULD SUPPORT U.S. ONLY
AS A MATTER OF SOLIDARITY. AT PLENARY, CHAIRMAN
ALLOWED DISCUSSION TO RUN FOR HALF-AN-HOUR DURING
WHICH IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NONE FAVORED U.S. AMENDMENT
WHICH REFLECTED FALL-BACK POSITION IN INSTRUCTION IN
LIGHT OF THIS SITUATION. CHAIRMAN NAMED AD HOC GROUP
OF ALGERIA, SENEGAL, NETHERLANDS AND U.S. TO TRY
TO DRAFT ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE. AFTER TWO HOURS OF
WORK, GROUP HAD CLEARLY REACHED LIMITS OF ITS POSSI-
BILITIES. TEXT WHICH WAS FINALLY SUPPORTED BY OTHER
THREE DELEGATIONS READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

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ARTICLE 8: TITLE (REMAINS UNCHANGED)

8.1: WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION, EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE MASS MEDIA
SHOULD BE FULLY CONSCIOUS OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES
REGARDING THE SOCIAL IMPORTANCE, THE HUMANISTIC
PURPOSE AND THE MORAL VALUES EMBODIED IN PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND SPORT.

8.2: RELATIONS BETWEEN THOSE INVOLVED IN THE MASS MEDIA AND SPECIALISTS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT SHOULD BE CLOSE AND BASED ON MUTUAL CONFIDENCE IN ORDER TO EXERT A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT, AND INSURE, WITH OBJECTIVITY, DOCUMENTED INFORMATION. TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FOR THE MEDIA MAY INCLUDE ELEMENTS RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT WE SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING INSERT OF CLAUSE "WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION" IN 8.1 AND DELETION OF "CONSTRUCTIVE" IN 8.2. WE FAILED TO HAVE HEADING CHANGED OR DELETION OF "OBJECTIVITY." HOWEVER, ENGLISH TEXT IS POOR TRANSLATION OF FRENCH TEXT. (THIS IS A RUNNING PROBLEM AT THIS CONFERENCE.) IN 8.1, DEPARTMENT OBJECTED TO PHRASE "WHEN HE HAS TO PRESENT" WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR IN FRENCH TEXT. THUS ONE OF OUR OBJECTIONS IS SATISFIED BY THIS VERSION.

3. TEXT READ BEFORE ENTIRE COMMITTEE. CHAPMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WORK DONE BY WORKING GROUP, BUT STATED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT PERMIT HIM TO VOTE ON ARTICLE. CHAIRMAN RECOGNIZED U.S. POSITION

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BUT PUT NEW ARTICLE TO CONSENSUS APPROVAL. CHAPMAN RESERVED POSITION. CHAIRMAN THEN PUT ENTIRE TEXT TO SAME PROCEDURE. CHAPMAN RESERVED POSITION SPECIFICALLY ON ARTICLE 8 AND GENERALLY ON COMPATIBLE TRANSLATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN OPERATIVE VERBS "SHALL," "SHOULD" AND "MUST." NO OTHER DELEGATION DISSENTED. COUNSEL REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENT THAT DECLARATION SUCH AS DECLARATION ON RIGHTS OF MAN, ARE NOT LEGALLY BINDING BUT ONLY CARRY MORAL WEIGHT, AND THAT USUAL FORM IS INDICATIVE VERB "SHALL" WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS.

4. WE ARE IMPRESSED BY DEGREE OF ISOLATION IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED AS MUCH AS WE CAN IN THE ABOVE TEXT. THERE IS AN ALMOST UNANIMOUS FEELING REGARDING THE CHARTER THAT IT IS A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES RAISING VISIBILITY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS INTERNATIONALLY AND EXPRESSING DESIRABLE OBJECTIVES. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDERED BINDING. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, U.S. DEL UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS OUR ACCEPTANCE OF TEXT AND GIVING ONCE MORE AN EXPLANATION OF OUR GENERAL RESERVATION.
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5. JAPANESE DELEGATE JUST TOLD US THAT JAPANESE NATCOM COMMITTEE ON MASS COMMUNICATION WHICH HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATIONS POLICIES, HAD REVIEWED ARTICLE 8 OF THIS CHARTER AND HAD ENDORSED ORIGINAL TEXT. JAPANESE DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE EFFORT TO INSURE COMPATIBILITY OF U.S. AND JAPANESE VIEWS ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

6. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BY 9 A.M. MAY 29.
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